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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 7, 2005**

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 7, 2005, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until June 7, 2005.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response until September 7, 2005, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of the application, such as for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.